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1 — Residents cough, rub eyes in Harvey pollution spike, ABC News, 9/8/2017

http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/residents-cough-rub-eyes-harvey-pollution-spike-49698580

Petrochemical corridor residents say air that is bad enough on normal days got worse as Harvey crashed into the nation's fourth-largest city and then yielded the highest ozone pollution so far this year anywhere in Texas.

2 — EPA Chief Pledges to Secure Toxic Sites in Irma's Storm Path, Bloomberg, 9/7/2017

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-09-07/epa-chief-pledges-to-secure-toxic-sites-in-irma-s-storm-path

The Trump administration is applying lessons from Hurricane Harvey's drenching of southeast Texas as it secures toxic waste sites in the path of Hurricane Irma, U.S. environmental chief Scott Pruitt said.

3 — EPA chief says ready to further relax fuel standards due to hurricanes, Reuters, 9/7/2017

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-storm-irma-epa/epa-chief-says-ready-to-further-relax-fuel-standards-due-to-hurricanes-idUSKCN1BJ01S

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is preparing for Hurricane Irma's landfall on the U.S. East Coast by securing vulnerable toxic waste sites and easing gasoline standards to ensure steady fuel supplies, its chief told Reuters on Thursday.

4 — Chemical risk database targeted by Congress, Houston Chronicle, 9/7/2017

http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/article/Chemical-risk-database-targeted-by-Congress-12181809.php

When floodwaters come up, seeping into industrial areas that turn out fuel or chemicals, public health officials look to a federal database known simply as IRIS.

5 — EDITORIAL: They warned us, but few listened, Houston Chronicle, 9/7/2017

http://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/editorials/article/They-warned-us-but-few-listened-12181607.php

Who could have predicted the disaster wrought by Hurricane Harvey? The answer, of course, is that plenty of people saw this coming.

6 — What lessons will Houston-area officials learn from Harvey? History gives us a clue, Texas Tribune, 9/8/2017

https://www.texastribune.org/2017/09/08/what-lessons-will-houston-area-officials-learn-harvey-history-gives-us/

As Houston begins to recover from Harvey, a growing chorus of voices is calling for big policy

changes to reduce flood damage from future disasters. Local officials haven't said much about what they might pursue, but history offers some clues.

7 — Hurricane Irma downgraded to Category 4 storm, still 'extremely dangerous', New Orleans Times-Picayune, 9/7/17

http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2017/09/hurricane_irma_category_4.html#incart_2box

Hurricane Irma was downgraded to a Category 4 storm early Friday morning (Sept. 8), according to the National Hurricane Center. However, forecasters said the storm remains "dangerous" and "extremely powerful."

8 — Hurricanes Are Sweeping The Atlantic. What's The Role Of Climate Change?, NPR, 9/8/17

http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/09/08/549280066/hurricanes-are-sweeping-the-atlantic-whats-the-role-of-climate-change

Hurricane Irma is hovering somewhere between being the most- and second-most powerful hurricane recorded in the Atlantic. It follows Harvey, which dumped trillions of gallons of water on South Texas. And now, Hurricane Jose is falling into step behind Irma, and gathering strength. Is this what climate change scientists predicted? In a word, yes.

9 — Researchers warn of high bacteria levels in Clear Lake floodwaters, Houston Chronicle, 9/7/17

http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Researchers-warn-of-high-bacteria-levels-in-Clear-12181528.php

University of Houston-Clear Lake researchers have found staggering levels of dangerous E. coli and other fecal bacteria in Hurricane Harvey floodwaters in the Clear Lake watershed.